



***SHELDON CLARKE REGATTA  
BELMONT HARBOR, CHICAGO, IL  
SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2011***

***SAILING INSTRUCTIONS***

**1 RULES**

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station and as a courtesy on the event website at [www.yachtscore.com](http://www.yachtscore.com).

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1800 on the Wednesday before the change takes effect.
- 3.2 Competitors are responsible for checking the official notice board or the event website each race day.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the staff at the east end of Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station. In addition, signals made ashore will be distributed to the email or text address listed in a boat's entry form.
- 4.2 When signal flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signal AP.
- 4.3 When signal flag Lima is displayed over signal flag Romeo ashore, a request for redress has been filed.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday, September 17 is 0955. The scheduled warning signal for the first race on Sunday, September 18 is 1055. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.2 Up to four races for each class will be sailed each day. The race committee shall fly the 2nd Substitute flag at the conclusion of a race to indicate their intention to start another race.
- 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1600.

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

A fleet's warning signals shall be a flag bearing its class insignia, except for the following fleets:

ORR1 Green Flag	Beneteau 40.7	Purple Flag
ORR2 Pink Flag	Tartan 10	Code Flag 0

**7 RACING AREAS**

On Saturday, September 17 the racing area for the Etchells, Tartan 10, Shields, and Luders 16 fleets will be located in Lake Michigan approximately two nautical miles east of the Belmont Harbor red nun buoy (CYC RYF race area). The race area for all other fleets will be LMSRF SA3 approximately 2.3 nautical miles northeast of Four Mile Crib.

On Sunday, September 18 the racing area for all fleets will be located in Lake Michigan approximately two nautical miles east of the Belmont Harbor red nun buoy or as posted on the official notice board.

## **8 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 8.1 VHF channel 73 will be the designated channel for courtesy broadcasts to the CYC RYF race area.
- 8.2 VHF channel 78 will be the designated channel for courtesy broadcasts to the SA3 race area on Saturday, September 18.
- 8.3 The race committee may change the hailing channel by posting a signboard on the signal boat prior to the first warning signal for each race or by posting on the official notice board near the race committee room at the Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station.

## **9 CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT**

- 9.1 Each boat shall check in by sailing past the race committee signal boat, hailing her sail number and receiving an oral acknowledgment from the race committee prior to her first race on each day of racing.
- 9.2 Within 1 hour of the official docking time of the race committee finishing boat for the race area on which the competitor raced, the person in charge of each boat without an auxiliary engine shall sign the fleet roster sheet located on the bulletin board outside the race committee room at Belmont Station to check out for the day. Boats may check out from the water by calling the race committee on the designated VHF channel and receiving an oral check out acknowledgment.
- 9.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course or, if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

## **10 THE COURSES**

- 10.1 The diagrams in Appendix A of these sailing instructions show the courses, including the signal flag that shall be flown to signal the course configuration, the approximate angles between legs, and the order in which marks are to be passed. Marks will be left to port.
- 10.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display on a board the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark and the course to be sailed by each fleet.
- 10.3 Course information may be signaled by courtesy broadcasts on the designated VHF channel or by flags. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts or flags are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.4 A numerical pennant may be flown to indicate the number of legs for all fleets.
- 10.5 Signal flag Golf will be flown to indicate that gates will be used on the course. If a gate is signaled but one of the gate marks is absent, then the existing gate mark shall be rounded to port.
- 10.6 Signal flag Oscar will be flown to indicate that an offset mark will be used.

## **11 MARKS**

- 11.1 Original turning marks will be orange shapes.
- 11.2 New marks, as provided in SI 14.1, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate orange and yellow marks.
- 11.3 The starting mark will be green. The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be a white inflatable left to port on the opposite side of the signal boat from starting line. The finishing mark for upwind finishes will be the active long course weather mark.

## **12 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The following area is designated an obstruction:

The area around the pumping stations (cribs) and the marks placed around them by the Coast Guard. Boats shall not sail between the marks.

## **13 THE START**

- 13.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 13.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

- 13.3 Boats on the course side at the start may be courtesy hailed by the race committee on the designated VHF channel. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.4 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 13.5 Fleets shall start the first scheduled race of the day in the order shown in SI 13.6. Any subsequent races shall be started no less than five minutes after that fleet has finished a race. At the discretion of the race committee, a fleet may be started while other classes are still racing. The race committee will alert boats prior to the warning signal for subsequent starts via the designated VHF channel and/or with short, rapid sound signals to draw the competitor's attention. Errors and omissions in the sound signals or the announcement are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.6 Start Sequence

SA3 Race Area Sep 17

1. Farr 40
2. ORR 1
3. ORR 2
4. Beneteau 40.7
5. Beneteau 36.7
6. J/105
7. J/109
8. J/111

CYC RYF Area Sep 17

1. Etchells
2. Tartan 10
3. Shields
4. Luders 16

CYC RYF Area Sep 18

1. Farr 40
2. Beneteau 40.7
3. J/111
4. Beneteau 36.7
5. J/109
6. J/105
7. Etchells
8. Tartan 10
9. Shields
10. Luders 16

The race committee may elect to combine fleets in a start and will signal combined starts by flying fleet signal flags in combination. The race committee will omit from the starting sequence any class not scheduled to race or any class that has elected not to start a scheduled race.

**14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 14.2 Offset marks, if used as provided in SI 10.6, will not be set on a changed leg of the course.
- 14.3 The race committee may broadcast a change on the designated VHF channel as a courtesy. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.4 The race committee may not signal a course change of 5 degrees or less. The course change will continue to use the active mark. This changes RRS 33(a).

**15 THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark to be left to port. This instruction shall not apply when RRS 32.2 applies.

**16 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 16.1 A boat found to have broken SI 9.1 may receive a scoring penalty for her first race that day equal to 20% of the number of competitors registered in her class. A boat found to have broken SI 9.2 or 9.3 may receive a

scoring penalty in every race that day equal to 20% of the number of competitors registered in her class. This changes RRS 63.1.

- 16.2 For the Etchells fleet rule 44.1 is changed so that the One-Turn Penalty replaces the Two-Turns Penalty unless the incident occurs in the Zone, in which case the Two-Turns Penalty applies.

## **17 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 17.1 The race time limit for all fleets shall be two (2) hours. The Mark 1 time limit for each fleet shall be 45 minutes. The target race time for all fleets is one hour and fifteen minutes.
- 17.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned for that class.
- 17.3 Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Time Limit Expired' (TLE) and scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that did finish the race without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.2, A5, and A11.
- 17.4 Failure to meet target times are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 18.1 A boat intending to protest must notify the race committee at her finish of her intent to protest and the identity of the protested party. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 18.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed with the race committee within the appropriate time limit. Protests and requests for redress may be filed by email addressed to [racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org).
- 18.3 The protest time limit is one hour after the docking time of the race committee finishing boat for the race area on which the competitor raced. That time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 18.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit for the race area on which the competitor raced to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

## **19 SCORING**

- 19.1 One race completed shall constitute a regatta.
- 19.2 A boat's score will be the total of all her races scores. This changes RRS A2.

## **20. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded by fleet at the CYC Offshore dinner on Friday, October 21, 2011 as follows:

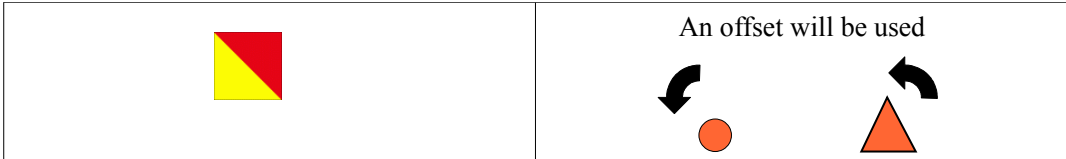
Less than or equal to 15 boats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd  
16-25 boats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th  
26 or more boats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th

The Sheldon Clarke Trophy will be presented to the boat whose division featured the closest, most competitive racing throughout the regatta.

In addition daily prizes for Saturday's races may be awarded during the Big Kahuna Party at Chicago YC Belmont Station on Saturday evening.

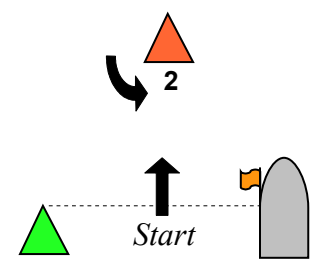
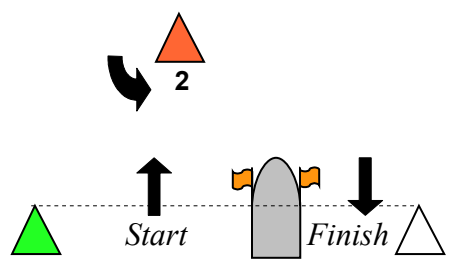
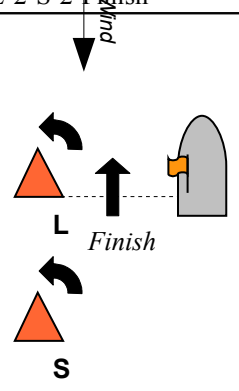
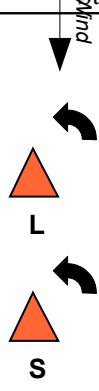
**2011 Sheldon Clarke Regatta  
Appendix A**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Fleets</b>
A	F40, 40.7, J/111, 36.7, J/109, J/105, T-10, E22, ORR1, ORR 2
B	Shields
C	L16
W/L (“Whiskey Flag”) Fleet Courses	
	Group A – Long Group B – Long Group C – Short
	Group A – Long Group B – Alternate Group C – Short
	Group A – Long Group B – Short Group C – Short
Triangle (“Tango Flag”) Fleet Courses	
	Group A – Long Group B – Short Group C - Short
<b>Course Length Flags</b>	
	Two legs
	Three legs
	Four legs
	Five legs
	Six legs
Other Signals	Meaning
	Gates will be used 



**Windward/Leeward Courses**

Course	Marks	Course	Marks
W2L	Start-L-Finish	W2S	Start-S-Finish
W4L	Start-L-2-L-Finish	W3L	Start-L-2-Finish
W4S	Start-S-2-S-Finish	W3S	Start-S-2-Finish
W4A	Start-L-2-S-Finish	W5L	Start-L-2-L-2-Finish
W6L	Start-L-2-L-2-L-Finish	W5S	Start-S-2-S-2-Finish
W6S	Start-S-2-S-2-S-Finish	5A	Start-L-2-S-2-Finish



## Triangle Courses

Course	Marks		Course	Marks
W5L	Start-L-R-2-L-Finish		W6L	Start-L-R-2-L-2-Finish
W5S	Start-S-R-2-S-Finish		W6S	Start-S-R-2-S-2-Finish

